

# John 12:47

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

## Analysis

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Jesus declares He came not to judge but to save the world, defining His first advent's purpose. The Greek verb 'krino' (judge) refers to condemnation, not discernment. His mission is salvific, not punitive—judgment comes at second advent. This grace period offers salvation freely. However, those rejecting Him judge themselves (v. 48). Christ's presence forces decision: acceptance brings salvation, rejection brings condemnation. The distinction between first advent (grace) and second advent (judgment) is crucial. This grace period won't last forever.

## Historical Context

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Jesus consistently distinguished His two comings—first as suffering servant (Is 53), second as judging king (Rev 19). This distinction explained why He didn't establish immediate political kingdom.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding Christ's two advents clarify His first coming's purpose?
2. What does this teach about the current age as grace period before judgment?
3. In what ways are you seizing the opportunity of grace before judgment comes?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἐάν τις μου ἀκούσῃ τῶν ῥημάτων καὶ μὴ  
**And** <sup>G1437</sup> **any man** <sup>G5100</sup> **my** <sup>G3450</sup> **hear** <sup>G191</sup> <sup>G3588</sup> **words** <sup>G4487</sup> **And** <sup>G2532</sup> **not** <sup>G3361</sup>  
<sup>G2532</sup>  
πιστεύσῃ, ἐγὼ οὐ κρίνω αὐτόν οὐ γὰρ ἦλθον ἵνα  
**believe** <sup>G4100</sup> **I** <sup>G1473</sup> **not** <sup>G3756</sup> **judge** <sup>G2919</sup> **him** <sup>G846</sup> **not** <sup>G3756</sup> **for** <sup>G1063</sup> **I came** <sup>G2064</sup> **to** <sup>G2443</sup>  
<sup>G4100</sup> <sup>G1473</sup> <sup>G3756</sup> <sup>G2919</sup> <sup>G846</sup> <sup>G3756</sup> <sup>G1063</sup> <sup>G2064</sup> <sup>G2443</sup>  
κρίνω τὸν κόσμον ἀλλ' ἵνα σώσω τὸν κόσμον  
**judge** <sup>G2919</sup> <sup>G3588</sup> **the world** <sup>G2889</sup> **but** <sup>G235</sup> **to** <sup>G2443</sup> **save** <sup>G4982</sup> <sup>G3588</sup> **the world** <sup>G2889</sup>  
<sup>G2919</sup> <sup>G3588</sup> <sup>G2889</sup> <sup>G235</sup> <sup>G2443</sup> <sup>G4982</sup> <sup>G3588</sup> <sup>G2889</sup>

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 3:17** (Salvation): For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**John 12:48** (Judgment): He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

**1 John 4:14** (Salvation): And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

**Luke 19:10** (Salvation): For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

